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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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What Is Wrong With Everybody?

By Evangelist John R. Rice
As preached on Voice of Revival Radio Broadcast

"... For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:22, 23.

Isn't that a startling statement? "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." That passage is an extensive indictment of the whole human race.

In Romans chapter 3, verses 9 through 19 there are fourteen indictments of the human race, saying there is no difference, that all have sinned. That is a strange statement. We don't feel that way generally. By human standards we say there are good men and bad men. By human standards we say there are good women and bad women. We think people in jail are crooked and mean, and the people outside are good and law-abiding. The truth of the matter is that the difference is not necessarily a heart difference but simply a difference in that one has learned to conform to certain human rules outwardly but has not any change in the heart, and the other has not learned to conform to human rules outwardly but has the same kind of heart that everybody else by nature has. "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Do you mean that essentially in the fact of sin there is no difference between the skid-row bum and the respectable church-goer, the deacon and the choir singer? That is right. You mean that in the sight of God there is no difference between the fallen woman on the streets and some

chaste wife and mother? That is right, as far as the fact of sin is concerned. You mean that in the sight of God there is no difference between the criminal, a law breaker, a murderer, and someone who has never been arrested? That is true. There is no difference in the fact of sin. Again the Lord says, "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

I had a letter today which said, "Why don't you preach a positive Gospel?"

I wrote back, "You are talking a language which is not Bible language. There is no discussion, not even a mention in the Bible, of what you are talking about. You want preaching about Heaven with no Hell. You want preaching about faith with no repentance. You want preaching about new church members without new hearts. What you want is people to sing praises but never to pray the prayer of penitence and repentance. What you mean is that we ought to be nice, pious, soft-soaping preachers, with never any iron blade, never any hammer that cracks the rock of sin. But you are not talking in any Bible terminology, for we are commanded to preach the Word, to rebuke, reprove, to exhort with all long suffering and doctrine (II Tim. 4:2). We are commanded to 'cry

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By Evangelist John Linton

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"A cage of every unclean and hateful bird."—Rev. 18:2.

Birds are a familiar figure in the Bible. They fly through the pages of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, or, as the old colored woman said, from Generations to Revelations! As Elijah's ravens brought him bread, so the birds of the Bible bring us food in the lessons they would teach us.

The first figure of speech in the Bible is the Holy Spirit brooding over the face of the deep as a bird broods over her nest.

Noah's raven and the dove—one finding rest and food on a carcass floating on the flood, the other refusing to touch the thing unclean—illustrate the natural man satisfied with the things of this world and the spiritual man who keeps himself unspotted from the world and finds food and rest in Christ.

Of the two birds in Leviticus 14, the one slain in an earthen vessel is a type of Christ who

died in a human body; the other sprinkled with the blood of the slain bird and flying up into the sky is a type of Christ in resurrection.

Moses' eagle stirring up her nest; Isaiah's eagle soaring in the sky; the sparrows that flitted through Jesus' sermons—all have their lessons to teach us.

But the birds of the Bible signify evil as well as good. My text speaks of a cage full of every unclean and hateful bird representing demons and evil spirits. It is the Devil's birdcage. His purpose is to defile and destroy the work and worship of God, and he uses different birds in this unholy brood to accomplish his designs. In the parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus likened the thieving birds that steal away the seed to the wicked one who "catcheth away that which was sown" (Matt. 13:19). Thus we see what every evangelist has cause to know, that the Devil brings his birdcage into every church where the Gospel is preached, and liberates his thieving birds to steal the seed that is sown.

We should not be ignorant of Satan's devices, so may God open our eyes through this message to the purpose and peril of the Devil's birdcage.

One class of birds from the Devil's cage are

I. The Birds That Defile the Sacrifice.

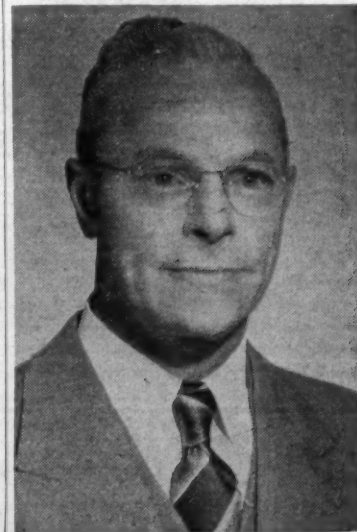
We read of these in connection with Abram's sacrifice in Genesis 15:9:

"And he [God] said unto him,

Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away."

This altar of sacrifice was built at God's command. Taken together these five offerings on one altar set forth in its completeness the atoning death of Christ. Abram's altar represents the offering to God of the body of Jesus Christ.

It was upon this divinely ordained sacrifice that the vultures (Continued on page 5)



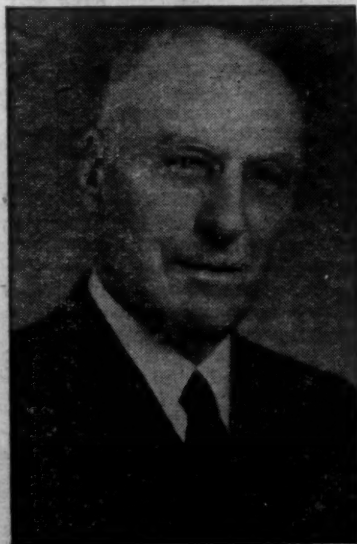
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What Is a Soul Worth?

By the late Dr. P. W. Philpott

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"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Matthew 16:26.



Dr. P. W. Philpott

When Jesus was here, during the years of His public ministry, He frequently asked His hearers questions, and some of the questions that He asked they were not able to answer. They were unanswerable questions. Sometimes He enforced a great truth by asking a question of this kind. Sometimes He silenced hostile critics by asking a question they could not or dared not answer because of the Roman authorities. You have some examples of this in chapter 22 of this same gospel.

There were three groups, you know, associated with temple worship at that time: the Herodians (the politicians), the Sadducees (who didn't believe in the resurrection), and the Pharisees. These three groups hated each other like they hated Satan himself, but they hated Jesus Christ more and so they got together in a conspiracy. They decided they would arrange

a series of questions, that they would ask questions with the thought of entangling Him in His words. In other words, they wanted to have Him say something in answer to their questions that would put Him in wrong with the Roman authorities.

An Unanswered Question

Now the Sadducees asked a very silly question. Sometimes we preachers have folks ask us very silly questions. Sometimes they will come up and say, "If you will tell me where Cain got his wife, it will clear up a big problem with me." Dear old Dr. Torrey once had a fellow tell him that if he could answer that question, he would accept the authority of the Scriptures and become a Christian. Dr. Torrey said, after he talked with him a few minutes, he decided it wasn't Cain's wife that

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Heart-Moving Letters

From All Over the World Come Letters Asking for THE SWORD

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

Nearly every day we receive very touching letters from native pastors, missionaries, and earnest Christian workers pleading to receive THE SWORD free. As you can see from some of these letters, it would be humanly impossible for these folk to pay for their own subscription. Yet THE SWORD OF THE LORD means so much to them in their ministries that we cannot bear to refuse their urgent request.

Read these letters and see if God lays it on your heart to help make these gift subscriptions possible.

"My Only Friend"

From Korea comes this appealing letter from a war orphan who borrowed a copy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD while he was in the army and says THE SWORD was his only friend.

"Sirs:

"How are you?

"In Korean War, I was left a orphan of war. But when I get used to courage, I went to army. In my army life, I lent

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JUNGLE DOCTOR

to the Rescue

CHAPTER XIV

Premature

Sechelela was at my door just before daylight.

"Bwana," she called, "Bwana..."

A few minutes later I appeared in dressing-gown and slippers.

"Yah," I said, "how are things, Sech?"

"Heh," she replied, "Bwana, the child still lives, but who ever heard of a child that size living?"

"Truly, it is a very small one, Sech. I weighed it myself last night, and it weighed—just one pound and thirteen ounces. It's going to be an uphill fight, but it's a fight that can be won. You have fed the child in the special way I ordered?"

Sechelela nodded. "That has been done, but you don't know the other part of the story. Behold, it was only an hour since a baby was born to Nhoto, the daughter of Majimbi, the witch-doctor's relation, the woman who has never followed out any instructions that have come from the hospital, who laughs at the welfare work. Behold, it is eight pounds, and perhaps the best-looking child that I have seen since our hospital was built. Kah, Bwana, is she not a woman with a sharp tongue, is not her voice loud in *nyuma ya wachekulu*—the women's ward?"

"Kah, have I not spoken with force to her when I heard her say with poison in her voice: 'Hongo, and where is the one from our tribe who has great wisdom and great learning? Behold, had her learning any value when it came to the birth of her own child? Heh, was it wise for her to follow the ways of the Europeans? Was it a thing of wisdom for her to refuse to wear a charm round her neck? Yeh, the way of the *waganga* is a better way than hers. Behold, look at my child, and then look at hers, it is nothing but *taka taka*—rubbish. Is there any value in a child that looks like the small monkeys of the forest?"

"Kah," continued Sech, "and my words came out very strongly, as the rain comes down the hills after a thunderstorm. She was silent for the moment, but, Bwana, there is a look on her face, a sneer that is cutting deeply into the heart of Perisi. Behold, Bwana, she lies in bed. Her tears are many. Behold, Bwana, her strength grows smaller."

"I'll be up there in ten minutes, Sech."

"Kah," said the old woman, "I will wait for you, Bwana."

As we walked up a few minutes later she continued the story.

"Bwana, Perisi had very great longings that her child might be a model for the mothers of this part of Africa, to show the people

a proper way to bring up a child so that the great sadness of the women of my tribe might be lifted. For behold, do they not see their children die, and die, and die, and die? Do they not wear useless charms round their necks? Do they not bind them round the bodies of their children to protect them from evil spirits? And yet, Bwana, they feed the babies on porridge and they die."

"Heeh," I said, "they don't feed them Nature's way—they don't give them boiled water, they leave them lying on the ground to be bitten by ticks, by mosquitoes."

"Heeh," said Sechelela disgustedly, "heeh, and they say it is a spell from the ancestors who had no joy in the child."

Sechelela gripped my arm almost fiercely. "Bwana, did not Perisi pray to God for a child who would be a proper child? Did she not fight and struggle and do the right thing? And, behold, see how her prayer is answered?"

There was a hot angry look in the old woman's eye.

"Sech, would you have anger against God?"

"Hongo," she said, "I would. Is not God almighty? Why should He allow this to happen?"

"Sech," I said, "keep asking yourself that question, and keep asking it until we reach the place where Perisi is. There is an answer, an answer that will shake you and cause you to feel sorrow in your heart for anger against God. Do you remember the prayer that you and I have so often prayed when we have been in difficulty and trouble, and when the way has not been clear in front? Have we not prayed to God: 'Hold up my goings in Your path that my footsteps do not slip?'"

But Sechelela did not seem to be listening. We passed through the gate of the hospital, the children's ward, past the little room where not a year before Perisi's life had seemed to be broken. Together we walked up the steps of the maternity ward. The usual swarm of African mothers were sitting in the sun with their babies in their arms. They eyed us curiously, and then a titter went round the group. I knew that the story was spreading all over the countryside that the Bwana, and what was very much worse, that the Bwana's God, had been *sumad*—overcome by the charms and medicines made by Dawa, the witch-doctor, and by his helper Majimbi. I could see this old crony with some of her companions seated under a baobab tree.

"Bwana," she cried, "have you not congratulations for one who is

a grandmother? Whose grandchild is a large and very beautiful child?"

"Grandmother," I said, "I have great congratulations. *Lusona* to you."

The old woman chuckled. "Heeh, Bwana, and I hear there were other babies born in the night."

"True," I replied, "that always happens at the hospital here in the place where babies live and mothers' lives are saved."

She laughed, there was a note of high-pitched scorn in her voice, but she made no comment.

Inside the ward lay Perisi, staring sightlessly at a white-washed wall. I went past the bed to the little cot where her baby lay. The very special apparatus necessary for a premature baby unfortunately was not available, but we did our best with make-shift. The child was barely a seven-months baby. It had just one chance of surviving, and that was the unremitting care of its mother. I went across to Perisi and spoke quietly.

"*Lusona*—congratulations."

The girl turned to me almost fiercely. Her eyes burned in the same way as Sechelela's had.

"Kah, Bwana," she said, "how can you give me congratulations when, behold, the child will die? Behold, I am the laughing-stock of all the women. Kah, do they not call my child, my son, *nyani*—monkey?"

Her voice broke down in a sob. For a few moments I kept completely quiet, until she regained her composure. Then I said:

"Perisi, did we not ask God to guide us? Did we not ask Him that this new little life might be of real value to Him?"

Perisi interrupted me. "Bwana, we did all that, and did you not say that when two people agree when they ask God for things that God does reply?"

"Heeh," I replied, "truly."

"Well, Bwana, why has God not replied in this thing that we ask?"

"Ah," I said, "that's the point. God's way is not always our way."

"Hongo," said the girl, running her hand over her forehead in amazement. "Well, Bwana, why, oh why, has this happened to me?"

"Hongo, Perisi, that is a question that I cannot answer. Behold, do you remember the words in the Book of the *Warumi*—the Romans—do they not say: 'We know that to those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good?'"

"Kah, Bwana," said the girl, getting up on her elbow, "but how can this work out as part of a plan for good? Is not my child so small that it has practically no chance of life? And is not the child of Majimbi's daughter, who followed not at all the ways of wisdom, is it not a large child with strength and good looks?"

"Perisi, you have answered your own question." I leaned over the bed. "Listen, is not your child the smallest that has ever been born in the hospital alive?"

She nodded.

"And is not the child of Majimbi's daughter strong and big? It will not be a hard task to look after it."

Again Perisi nodded.

"Do you not see then that God has entrusted to you the responsibility of a child, who would certainly die if he did not belong to a mother who has special skill and training, special patience, special love in her heart?"

A look of bewilderment came over the girl. I went on.

"Listen, hear the laughter of the old women outside. Do they not call your child rubbish? But if we follow the way of wisdom, the way of knowledge, and look after the child, and feed him in the right way, at the right hours, see that he doesn't eat porridge till his teeth come, that his water is boiled, and that he is kept in a cot covered from the flies and the mosquitoes and ticks, behold, he will grow and become strong."

"Kah," said Perisi, a smile breaking on her face. "I see it, Bwana; it was God's plan to give me the hard way. Yah, how hard things have been."

Eagerly I spoke. "See, Perisi, it is this way. Now the child of Nhoto is a large well-favoured one, but what will he be like three months hence?"

"Kah," said Perisi, "poor little thing. His skin will be covered

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Editor's Notes

It is Sunday afternoon, October 16, at Greenville, South Carolina. Tonight we close a blessed eight-day conference on revival and soul winning. Rev. Jack Hyles, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, was with us here Monday night through Friday night. He came in the power of God. We have had large crowds and much evidence of blessing.

Tonight I take a plane at 11:20 for Atlanta. After two and a half hours in the station there, I will fly to Chicago, arriving at 6:15 in the morning. Then three hours to attend to some business for THE SWORD, to check up on affairs there and get to O'Hare Airport where I leave at 9:30 a. m. for Denver.

God willing, my brother, Dr. Bill Rice, his two sons, Bill, III, and Pete and I and Evangelist Ed Nelson will be guests of a good ranchman at Snowmass, on the west slope of the Rocky Mountains, for some days of hunting deer, elk, etc. I look forward to the fellowship and a time of spiritual refreshing, too, as I rest and take stock and rejoice in God's great outdoors. After a few days back home, then to California with Rev. Clyde Martin and the Southern California Bible Baptist Fellowship for a few days at Ontario.

Genuinely a Conference "on Revival and Soul Winning"

We do not have a Bible conference in the ordinary sense of the word. We set out to teach the Bible, but we strive to really stir revival fires, make soul winners, and get preachers, churches and people ready for a mighty moving of God's power.

Here in Greenville, God's Spirit has been wonderfully close and there has been a blessed moving and repenting and making holy vows among the people of God. And many have actually begun to win souls.

Tuesday morning I preached on "Praying for Bread for Sinners" from Luke 11, and called attention that God brings each one in touch with someone they may win perhaps better than anyone else could.

One woman said publicly, "It is my lost neighbor." How gladly she came on Friday night to say, "You know my neighbor who was unsaved? Praise the Lord, we won her to Christ!"

After hearing Brother Jack give a practical lesson on soul winning, a Christian woman went out with a companion or two and came back rejoicing. She said, "Praise the Lord, we were able to win five!" They found other families, good prospects for the church.

Last night a woman came to me with happy face, "Oh, I didn't get to tell Brother Jack. Will you tell him for me? I saw him show us how to use the Scripture in winning a soul, and I went to my neighbor for whom we have been praying for more than a year, and she was saved! Brother Jack will be glad to know that." Yes, he will.

Among those who came forward this morning to claim the Lord was a girl who was saved at home and came to make a profession and join the church for baptism. A teen-age girl came forward also who was won to Christ by her teacher today in the Sunday School class.

A Bob Jones University student came to tell me of winning two older colored men to Christ.

The convicting power of God in the conference was manifested on Friday morning. At the church I preached at 11:05 on the radio broadcast (a daily feature). A woman who lived near the church heard the broadcast and was so deeply convicted she came immediately to the church. Before Brother Sightler and I and others got away, she told us she wanted to be saved. Once she had been an enemy of the church. She didn't

like the crowds parking nearby, but now she came to find out if God would save her. We showed her many Scriptures, and led her along, and when I asked her, "Now would you like to pray and ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart?" she said, "I already have, a little bit ago." She was glad to trust the Saviour. This morning she came and presented herself for church membership as a candidate for baptism.

Six Men Surrender to Preach

In one service Friday night, after I had preached on "Leaving All for Jesus," six young men stood to indicate a public surrender to preach the Gospel. The proposition was not "if I should be called"; it was, "I know God has called me to preach and I now surrender to His will and set out to do it as a preacher." I think also there was one young woman who surrendered to full-time Christian service and fifty-six people who came forward in a rededication to pay any price to please God in His service.

A few nights before a young man, a student at Bob Jones University who had three years' preparation for dentistry, came to tell me he had now surrendered to the call of God to preach the Gospel. And the next day he announced it at the University, they tell me.

One of those men who surrendered to preach is our host, Mr. Pat Durham, in whose home Mrs. Rice and I have been guests this week. They have been so kind, gave us a room with private bath, furnished a 1960 Pontiac for us to drive, and have made our stay most pleasant. He owns a good big company in the building trade, has about ten trucks and some fourteen or fifteen men working for him, owns his beautiful home, with private lake and a country home, etc. But he rejoices that God has laid His hand upon him and plans to begin his preparation for the ministry as soon as possible.

"How Much I Owe to THE SWORD!" He Said

A young man, a student in Bob Jones University, came to me the other night and said, "Brother Rice, you will never know how much THE SWORD OF THE LORD has meant to me. Fifteen years ago my mother was saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Through THE SWORD OF THE LORD I came to know about Bob Jones University, and was moved to come here for my training. How much I owe to THE SWORD!"

His mother was saved fifteen years ago through sermons in THE SWORD! Everywhere I go I find that. How many thousands have been turned to Christ through these sermons in the last twenty-six years. Praise the Lord!

Rev. Carl Woodbury is in revival services at Spartanburg and we had lunch together there. He was a modernist, an unsaved preacher, trained at Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, and Crozer Theological Seminary, and all the time unsaved. Somebody sent him THE SWORD OF THE LORD. A noble Christian woman prayed for him. He told me this week that once he held THE SWORD OF THE LORD high and started to throw it on the floor and stomp it with his feet and say that "everything in that is of the Devil." But sudden fear that he might commit a blasphemy against the Holy Ghost stopped his hand and his words. Then he was converted, really born again. Now he loves THE SWORD OF THE LORD and after two years in the pastorate in Virginia is now a full-time evangelist and is blessed of God. THE SWORD OF THE LORD had a mighty impact on him and that rejoices my heart.

Oh, how we ought to see that every ministerial student in America who will read it, gets THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We ought through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund to save preachers from modernism and steer young men away from false cults and infidelity through THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

A mother came by with a lovely baby boy. "This is my preacher boy that I prayed for," she said. Two years ago she had heard me preach on John the Baptist and how a godly mother and father prayed some thirty years until God gave them a preacher boy,

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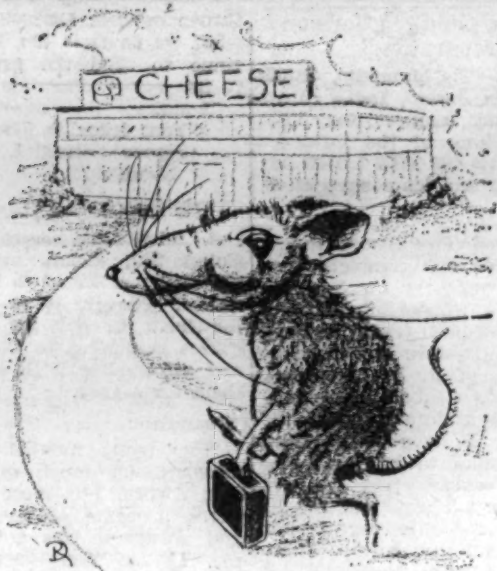
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i am s. mouse of sword of the lord and im sorry about that last letter. the one about the s. in s. mouse.

it has caused a lot of trouble with the sword.

people come in or write for books and subscriptions and things and they say, all right, what does the s. stand for.

and the sword folks say, why our s. stands for satisfaction and service in subscriptions and sword books...and the people say, sure, we know that, but we arent asking about your s. its your mouses s. we want to know about.

whose s., the sword folks say. and the people say, your night managers s., thats whose s. now what does the s. stand for...and then both of the bosses start sweating and you can see the whites of their eyes.

so ive got to admit something. i havent told doctor rice that ive taken over the office at night.

i thought id run things and surprise them. make it a good going proposition before i made my salary demands.

thats why i said i wouldnt tell you what the s. stands for unless you buy something. but i will tell you anyhow.

the s. stands for sinnamon. because im a sinnamon color.

so you write doctor rice or miss viola and order something you want. just write box 420, wheaton, illinois, and theyll give you the best bargains possible. tell them that s. mouse told you to write.

cordially yours,

s. mouse
night manager
sword of the lord

p. s. k e r c h o o! this little ole s. mouse is not safe on the shelf these days. if i try to sleep in the shipping room rex blasts me off the shelf; if i sneak in miss violas office and hide among the files its no better. and yesterday i quietly crept into another office only to run head-on into a big kerchoo from bud lyles in the radio department.

whats wrong in this office--hay fever they say--and something about pollen count. hope its not catching.

these bags under my eyes do not mean that im leaving--i just cant get any rest around here. since i couldnt sleep i have been watching rex work, and he has just put a nice, big, new book on the shelf--is Jesus God. heard him say it had been out of print.

tell you what i was gonna do; but the bosses had other ideas. i was going to make money off this new printing--but now they are going to sell it for two fifty for one week only--november 8 through 15; and its a big three dollar book, too. seems as if my four week sale was a good idea.

my eyes are too sleepy and i cant read you what it says about this big book, but i'll snitch some copy from miss violas files and paste it on here:

Is Jesus God?

By Dr. JOHN R. RICE. A convincing, conclusive answer to modernism on the deity of Christ and its importance. Shows how Christ's virgin birth, His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and His resurrection prove He is God. Ought to be in the hands of every ministerial student, every modernist preacher and--in fact--every earnest Christian worker. 205 pages, six complete, convincing chapters.

"souse the angle--couldnt find a ruler.

there are 207 pages. now remember the offer: from november 8 through 15 only two fifty. be sure you add that amount of 15 cents for postage and handling.

and this time address your order direct to sword of the lord, box 420, wheaton, illinois, since i'll be on vacation.

if youve enjoyed dealing with your night manager, be sure to say a good word for me...who knows--it could be a permanent position. that depends on you.

its been nice doing business with you...and thanks for the vacation in the cheese factory.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.—Martin Luther.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. —Billy Sunday.

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Warning to Space Travelers

If you are bothered with allergies, it might be a good idea to postpone your first trip to the moon until you find out more about what will await your lunar landing. One of the top U. S. space scientists recently released information indicating that the moon may be a far bigger dust bowl than any mid-thirty southern Kansas wheat field ever thought of becoming. Dr. Robert Jastrow, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), declared that what some scientists think to be "dry seas" on the moon "which look 'smooth and inviting,' might be filled with dust 'to a considerable depth' and covered only by a 'relatively porous' layer as fragile as toast."

Hoping to put a man on the moon "a decade or more hence," Dr. Jastrow revealed that NASA is building a 300-pound robot which will land on the moon within the next two years, if everything goes according to present plans. However, Jastrow is afraid that if the dry seas on the moon are filled with dust, the exploration vehicle might then be swallowed up and not be able to send back the data or be controlled by an operator "a quarter of a million miles away on the earth."

About the same time as the NASA news release, three of the National Bureau of Standards' top scientists offered new evidence that life could not exist on Mars. While this may be saddening news to Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and his fellow missionary-to-Mars advocates, the scientists nonetheless declared that they have identified the gasses in the atmosphere around Mars to be so deadly and poisonous that probably not even ground-hugging mosses can exist there.

The three scientists, Dr. Carl C. Kiess, an astrophysicist; his wife, Harriet K. Kiess, an astronomer; and Charles H. Corliss, a physicist, compared the kind of light trapped by Mars with the type absorbed by gasses in a laboratory test tube. Their experiments showed that the atmosphere of Mars contains "scads of toxic nitrogen compounds." They also stated that the ice-like polar caps on Mars, believed by many astronomers to be ice, really consist of a frozen gas called nitrogen tetroxide, which looks snow white.

Most Americans would do well to place their emphasis on making Heaven, not Mars. The former is a comparatively simple matter since it merely involves receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Son of God replied to Thomas' question as to how one could get to Heaven, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Changing Times

Back in 1910 there were 202 different makes of automobiles coming from the assembly lines. The total passenger cars produced that year was 181,000 units, almost half as much again as produced the year before. If a motorist wanted to drive from Chicago to New York, he had to buy license plates in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey just to pass through. One automotive journal of the day advised tourists who planned to make a "typical" trip from Chicago to Denver to prepare adequately and take the following equipment: "Extra cans of oil, plenty of rope, a block and tackle, a small electric light to read the guide books at night, a supply of innertubes, a coil of copper wire 'that is so necessary on every run,' a bottle of kerosene to remove carbon from cylinders, a varied supply of bolts, collapsible canvass pail for carrying radiator water if a bracket should break, several spark plugs, a tool kit, a small soldering iron for leaks in the radiator, a pump or air bottle, and a can of grease."

Yes, times have changed as far as traveling by car is concerned.

However, some things never change. The Word of God is the same. Psalm 119:89 says, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Sin never changes. Galatians 6:7 says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Salvation is the same today as it has ever been. Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The power of God is still available to Christians who will pay the price. Acts 5:32 says, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Best of all, "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, to day and for ever" (Heb. 13:8) with His love, mercy, compassion and comfort.

The Associated Press spends \$98,597.94 in an average day to cover the news around the world. This wealth of information is made available to the public in a newspaper for five, seven or ten cents. God grant that America may ever know freedom of the press!

He Came Back

A sixty-year-old itinerant worker, Tom Williams, was walking down a street in Bristol, England, when a policeman stopped him and informed him he was supposed to be dead. It seems that a man had been struck by a train and killed and when the victim was identified as Williams, the city had buried him. When Williams showed up alive, Scotland Yard fingerprint

experts went to work and soon discovered that the deceased had been a man named Ernest Price. It took an inquest to bring Williams "officially" back from the dead.

This unusual incident is a commonplace experience in the spiritual realm. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, saying, "And you hath he quickened [that is, made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). Every time a sinner comes to Christ and receives Him as his personal Saviour, that individual is raised from spiritual death and given spiritual life.

Do you have that life? The Bible says, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

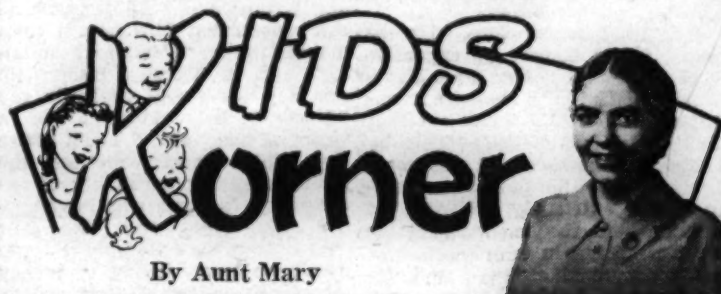
American motorists will spend an estimated 65 billion-dollars-plus this year for car purchases, automotive taxes, gas and oil, accessories and insurance, plus additional billions for service, repairs and incidentals. The average owner of a recent-model low-priced car is out approximately \$1,000 a year for the pleasure and convenience of his transportation. Yet the same individual will probably do good if he gives \$52 to the church during the entire year!

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

November 6-13:
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Dallas, Texas

November 14-20:
Kossuth Street Baptist Church
29th & Kossuth Streets
Lafayette, Indiana

November 22-December 4:
Bible Baptist Church
Kokomo, Indiana



By Aunt Mary

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

I have always liked to write a letter to you since a dear little boy wrote that he especially liked reading the letter columns.

Last week I promised that this week I would tell you more about new members who have promised to read their Bibles every day and to pray every day "as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." I am thrilled to think of these boys and girls wearing their little gold *Sword* pins as a reminder to themselves and the Lord Jesus that they belong to Him who saved them.

First, Marlette Ann Lauterbach (a pretty name) in Randallstown, Maryland, who is eight years old, is a new member. Diane Johnson from Renton, Washington, is thirteen, almost fourteen, and she wrote a sweet letter. She is Secretary and Treasurer of the young people's group at her church, and the only Christian in her family.

We can each pray that Diane may be such a good testimony to her parents that they too will want to trust the Lord Jesus. (You can do that, Diane, by being especially obedient and sweet to your parents. That is often the way God uses children to win parents. I know that is particularly hard when one is a teen-ager, but God will help you.)

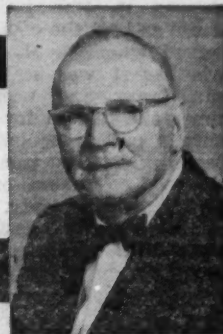
Welcome to ten-year-old Jimmy Carson in West Covina, California, and to Paul Lawson in Hutchinson, Kansas. Paul reads five chapters in the Bible on Sunday and three or four other days of the week. At that rate he can read the whole Bible through in a year.

Another Californian, David Norris, a ten-year-old, joined our *Sword-Bearer's Club* also, and a gold *Sword* pin has been sent to him in Oakland.

We had nice letters, not mem-

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Dr. Bob Jones
SAYS:



I quote from a letter written to both Bob, Jr., and me by a graduate of Bob Jones University: "I praise God every day for Bob Jones University and its constant fight against Satan and his cohorts. Bob Jones University is mentioned every night in our family devotions because we feel the need and believe God is using the school for His glory. May God continue to bless you both and may the testimony of Bob Jones University ring true until Jesus comes."

We realize more and more that God called Bob Jones University into existence and trained it for this day. You folks who have prayed for us and who have influenced young people to come to Bob

Jones University and who have invested some of the money the Lord has given you in the work here have a part in all the things God is doing through the influence of Bob Jones University in practically all parts of the world. Please keep praying for us, and please keep turning the right kind of young people this way. Remember, we have a heavy financial burden; and we hope you will invest some of the Lord's money in the work. Please let us hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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A Column for Wives and Mothers
By Jessie Rice Sandberg

Company's Coming

Do you like to have company? I do—now—but I remember with horror the first important company I had at my house right after I was first married!

We had invited Sandy's aunt and uncle from the farm to have dinner with us and I had carefully planned what I would serve and how I would serve it days ahead of time. I was so anxious that everything be just right; you know how a bride wants to make a good impression on the in-laws!

My first problem came with the dessert. I had planned to have angel food cake with strawberries and whipped cream. When the cake came out of the oven it was about two inches high and as tough as it could be. The rest of the meal was not much better. The mashed potatoes were sticky and the gravy was lumpy. The jello didn't come out of the mold right. I can't remember what happened to the vegetables, but I'm sure they weren't particularly a howling success either!

The final defeat came with the meat. I had bought an expensive beef roast and felt at least somewhat satisfied with the way it was cooked. Too late I found out that Uncle Mel had a little difficulty chewing and could not eat roast beef! Besides that, our tiny apartment was extremely hot from the cooking and the makeshift table we had set up in our living room made our meal crowded and uncomfortable. I think I finally dissolved into tears before the whole affair was over. Fortunately, Sandy's family was wonderfully understanding and they acted as though they had eaten the most expensive meal served at the Waldorf-Astoria. I've had some failures since, but none seemed as heart-breaking as that one!

Since I have been married I've developed a new appreciation for my mother and her hospitality. Guests have always been as welcome in her house as her own children, and there is no way of estimating how many hundreds of friends, strangers, and folks in need have eaten at her table. Many came who had been invited days ahead of time, but just as many, and perhaps more, were warmly welcomed who arrived unexpectedly when there was not time for much preparation. I used to get all upset if the house was not nice when unexpected company arrived, or if the meal prepared were not a fancy one. If Mom was nervous, she never showed it. She picked up the house as best she could and calmly served whatever she had fixed—whether it was sirloin steak or sauerkraut and wieners. Sometimes she had to fry a few hamburger patties or open a can of beans at the last minute to make the food go around, but there was nearly always plenty.

Some of the guests were distinguished ones—college presidents, famous preachers and great singers, but there were many

Song of the Spirit

Are you groping for a blessing,
Never getting there?
Listen to a word in season,
Get somewhere.

Are you struggling for salvation
By your anxious prayer?
Stop your struggling, simply trust,
and—
Get somewhere.

Does your answer seem to linger
To your earnest prayer?
Turn your praying into praise,
and—
Get somewhere.

You will never know His fullness
Till you boldly dare
To commit your all to Him, and—
Get somewhere.

Heart-Moving Letters

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SWORD OF THE LORD from my higher officer and read it.

"Ever since, SWORD OF THE LORD became my only friend in the war.

"News of orphan and confession of faith made me truly saint. And I devote in the church at now.

"Since I was discharged from army in the same previous day, I cannot read it that was my only friend.

"So here is country that I am very isolation and loneliness.

"Pleasant send me SWORD OF THE LORD.

"Yours Truly,
(Signed) J. Kim"

Pastor in India Writes

A fervent soul-winning pastor in India writes this letter:

"Dear W. Handford:

"For the last few years I was receiving THE SWORD OF THE LORD and indeed it has been of great blessing and inspiration to me. I am a pastor of an Episcopal and an out-and-out evangelistic church in India and from my regular and thorough reading of each issue of THE SWORD, I am glad to say that we are true to the position of THE SWORD. The gospel sermons of great speakers that come out in every issue is of great benefit to me as a pastor. From my reading out of these and sermons and their messages to young people in my parish, they have started coming and asking me "is any new issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD come?" I am greatly thankful to you for this helpful weekly. It has helped and enriched me in many ways. When I get myself dejected and depressed in mind out of loneliness, I go to THE SWORD to get strength and courage, so I hate to see such an encouraging literature stopped from getting. My monthly income is very meager and because of limited finance, I find it difficult to afford its subscription. But I definitely want it continued and I would be very grateful to you if you send it to me through your missionary subscription fund. I will try to send a small gift out of my meager income through your Indian agency as I have sent before. So please retain my name in your mailing list and send it in the address that you have in your list as shown on the other side of this card.

"May the Lord continue to bless your ministry abundantly and strengthen the word of Dr. Rice. Remembering you all in my prayers.

"Yours in Christ,
(Signed) Rev. T. I. Joseph,
Vicar"

emphasis on Bible-reading and prayer. Mrs. Sylvia Wallace in Tucson, Arizona, told in a gracious letter how much she appreciates the column, both for the children and herself. Mrs. C. D. Simmons, a long-time reader of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, says her grandchildren who live nearby enjoy Kids Korner. When we read such kind words to stick to the job, we are encouraged.

Welcome to some adult members, too. We are glad to have anyone who wants to serve the Lord, whether six or sixty.

Before you read the story from the Jungle Doctor, I hope you will learn this verse:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Lovingly,
Aunt Mary

APPLICATION FOR SWORD-BEARERS CLUB

Please enroll me as a member of the Sword-Bearers Club. I will aim to be a "good soldier of Jesus Christ" in everything I do. I promise, by God's help, to try to read at least one chapter in the Bible each day. I will set out to follow what the Bible teaches me. I will also take time each day to pray, asking forgiveness for my sins and help for the day.

I enclose 25c for my gold sword membership pin.

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"My Sole Guide in Sermon Preparation"

From S. T. Mangkho, Bible translator in Assam, India, comes this touching request for THE SWORD. Think of the influence THE SWORD OF THE LORD has on this man and his congregation.

"Dear Sir:

"I received THE SWORD magazine free for one complete year in 1958. I was very much grateful for this wonderful Christian paper. I have been trying my best to subscribe it since I received no more copies of it. But my small pay of Rs 65/- (about 13 dollars) p.m. cannot maintain my family sufficiently. I have asked your agent in India to let me know about the subscription rate in Indian money. I was told the Rs 17.50n is the rate per annum, which is beyond my means. Moreover there is acute famine in this part of India, and as a result the churches are suffering beyond description.

"It is now almost two years since you stop sending me your weekly paper, and I feel a kind of emptiness in my life. Your paper had been a sole guide in my sermon preparation and teaching in Sunday School. I read some of the papers several times as they enrich my life very much. I had been ashamed of asking you again for free copies, so I kept silent for all these days. But I could not keep silent any longer. I request you to send the copies again free of charge as I could not pay the subscription. I pray that some day I may be able to pay my subscription regularly.

"I am Bible translator for the Kukis who inhabit Manipur, North Cachar Hills, Naga Hills, and northern border of Burma. Their population is roughly 1,000,000 (one lac). Among the Christians, the population of Baptists is nearly 15,000. Most of the churches are still young, the oldest being Tujangvaichong Baptist Church, established in 1914.

"On Sunday I teach the English class in the Motbung Baptist Church school. The students are composed of many tribes coming from different parts of Manipur. I often preach on worship services at Motbung and the neighboring churches. Our work is tremendous. We wholly depend on God for guidance. But then we need also helpful materials in our humble work for the Master. We need your prayers and help.

"It is our hope that in spite of many hardships, the young churches may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ who has redeemed them. Your paper is a constant guide and help in our humble ministry. Please do send.

"God bless you richly in your tremendous work for Him.

"With best wishes and love.

"Yours in Christ,
(Signed) S. T. Mangkho"

A Nigerian Family Made Happy

An earnest Christian family in Orlu District of East Nigeria tells what THE SWORD has meant to them. How infinitely worthwhile is this work of getting out the Gospel to those all over the world who appreciate it.

"My Dear Friend in Christ:

"I thank you very much for THE SWORD OF THE LORD which you have been sending to me without any payment. I heartily thank you. I cannot do without THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I am not happy on any afternoon I don't read it. My father, my brothers and sisters, and my friends—all read it and they struggle who will read first, of course, I allow my dad first before others. We have tried to get your own money order with Nigerian money but we are not allowed to do so.

"Please, kindly continue to be sending THE SWORD to me. We cannot do without it. It has made our family to be more of a Christian family than what it was before. On Sunday nights we have family meeting to discuss what we read from the "great"

SWORD OF THE LORD—for that is what we name it. Do, kindly continue to send the great SWORD to us.

"I am,
"Your friend in Jesus,
(Signed) Alfred I. S.
Nwaifufu"

"THE SWORD a Real Friend"

A missionary, Aage Torp, in Fukui Shi, Japan, misses THE SWORD and asked to have it renewed. Though it is impossible for them to pay for it, we of course responded to their request and are sending THE SWORD to them for a year.

"Dear Sirs:

"For many months I've been missing very much my copy of THE SWORD. For more than two years it came to me regularly and always it was a blessing to me. To me THE SWORD OF THE (Continued on page 9)

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Chasing Birds

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swooped when Abram drove them away. The vulture was a scavenger, an unclean bird that would have defiled this holy offering. For God to accept the offering it must be clean. The loathsome buzzards must be driven off. So "when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away."

There you have pictured the activity of Satan in his efforts to assail the atoning work of Christ. Ever since the Son of God hung upon the cross, a sinless sacrifice, the Devil's vultures have been busy with their defiling work. In many insidious ways they try to make the cross of Christ of none effect. From his birdcage Satan at intervals lets loose his filthy brood upon the sacrifice of the cross. Then it becomes the time for the people of God to chase these birds away.

What Abram used to attack the birds the Bible does not say. A vulture is a large and a strong bird and there are usually many of them. The patriarch doubtless used a stout staff to beat off their attacks. Well, God's Word is a rod and staff and we shall bring it down upon the heads of a few of these buzzards.

The first one I see is
1. The Denial of the Virgin Birth.

Think of the virgin birth of Christ and see if the denial of it is not a horrible pollution of the offering of Christ on the cross. If you once admit that Jesus Christ came into this world through the gateway of natural generation, having Joseph as His father, who cannot see that this defiles the sinless nature of the Son of God, and destroys that very element in the sacrifice of Christ that gives efficacy to the cross?

And this is in the nature of the case. For if Jesus was begotten of the flesh, that flesh must of necessity be like all other flesh, and is therefore sinful flesh. If Christ received His human nature from a sinful human father, then He partook of the sinful nature of the father who begat Him. A sinful father could not have begotten a sinless son. No human father ever has.

If therefore the sacrifice offered to God was the body of a sinful man, then manifestly that sacrifice could not be accepted as an atonement for the sins of the race. What then is the denial of the virgin birth but a satanic attempt to defile the sinless sacrifice of the cross?

Let us take in our hand a good stout rod to smite the vulture I have described. One blow from this staff should lay it low. Here it is:

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Mark well the words "that holy thing." How clearly the Scriptures declare the virgin birth; how vigorously we preachers should defend this essential doctrine. From the spotless sacrifice of the

Lamb of God let us chase this vulture away.

Another unclean fowl is
2. The Denial of Christ's Deity. What in essence is the atoning work of Christ but that this sinless Son of God suffered in the place of the sinful sons of men, and because He was God and therefore infinite He was able to bear an infinite load of suffering and thus die for all mankind.

But if men deny His deity and make Christ a man like ourselves, they deny His capacity for infinite suffering. No mere man, however sinless, could atone for the sins of the race. He must be at once sinless man and very God—sinless to be an acceptable sacrifice, and God in order to endure infinite suffering.

And this, praise God, Jesus was. Listen, ye modernists who deny the deity of Christ! Listen, ye Unitarians who befool the divine sacrifice! Listen, ye infidels who flout the godhead of the divine Son: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). Did ever mere man say that? Will you make of Christ a false witness when He said, "I and my Father are one"? This denial of His deity roasts like an unclean bird of prey upon every Unitarian pulpit throughout the land; it finds a welcome perch in many seminary classrooms. How we need, as Bible believers, to contend for the faith and, like Abram, to drive such vultures away.

Another class of birds is mentioned by Christ Himself in the kingdom parables in Matthew 13. He speaks there of

II. The Birds That Find Shelter in the Tree of Christian Profession.

Jesus is describing the mystery nature of the kingdom on earth during this age of grace. In the parable of the sower He tells us of the fowls who come and steal the seed away. These, He declares, are the messengers of Satan.

He then gives the parable of the tares and wheat, showing that in the sphere of professing Christianity there will be true Christians and false, with men hardly able to tell the false from the true. Interpreting the tares Jesus said, "The tares are the children of the wicked one" (Matt. 13:38).

Christ then tells a third parable, and in this picture, for the second time, the birds appear. "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matt. 13:31, 32).

Two things this parable teaches. First, we have the rapid growth of Christianity. Second, this growth will be so great that unregenerate men and women, represented by the fowls of the air, will find shelter in the professing church.

If the birds in the first parable represent evil, as Jesus declared, then logically the birds in the third parable also represent evil. See then what our Lord would tell us. He warns that as Christianity would overspread the earth and become popular, it would attract to itself, as a tree attracts birds, the unsaved men and women of this world, and that the whole history of the professing church would be marked by the presence in it of unregenerate people, men of this world, men of the flesh, children of the Devil.

When we turn from the parable and look at the professing church today, what do we find? Conditions in the church so manifestly identical with those described by Christ that the parable as thus interpreted stands out as an infallible prophecy!

What man in his senses will deny that within the ranks of professing Christians there are multitudes of unregenerate people? What true Christian has not mourned the melancholy spectacle, both in past history and in his own day, of churches and denominations that shelter men who know not Christ, who deny the truth of His Word, whose lives give every evidence that they are strangers to grace. There are and have been godless men, unclean men, even murderous men, serving not God and His Christ, but Satan

and their own flesh, who have worn the cloak of Christianity and been found within the confines of the church.

Such men are they who in the name of Christ burned true Christians at the stake, planned the Spanish Inquisition, massacred the Huguenots, sat in the papal chair while living with harlots, and inflicted such tortures upon the true servants of Christ as cannot be described in public.

Who are the fowls in the tree of professing Christianity today? They are the men and women who are members of churches but who are destitute of a personal experience of Christ in the heart. While professing salvation they do not possess it, for they have never been born again.

Oh, my friends, it must be a terrible thing to go to Hell by way of church membership; to be baptized with water but never baptized by the Spirit of God; to have one's name on the church roll and not have it written in the Lamb's book of life; to be used to saying, "Lord, Lord," and yet to hear Him say, "Depart from me, I know you not."

What a dire need there is today for a personal and searching examination of candidates for church membership. Would to God the pastors could see the wrong they inflict upon those they receive into membership without evidence of the new birth. Intellectual assent to a creed is substituted for a personal experience of Christ in the heart. Thus the organized church becomes peopled by unsaved members and the cause of Christ is defiled thereby.

There is still a third class of birds that need to be driven off. They are

III. The Birds That Steal the Seed From the Newly-Sown Soil.

The parable of the sower is familiar to us all. "Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up" (Matt. 13:3, 4). Interpreting this parable, Jesus said, "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart" (Matt. 13:19).

Thus we see that Satan attends every evangelistic service that is ever held. He is present, said Jesus, "when any one heareth the word." He does not trouble to attend the church where the preacher prattles about the latest movie or novel, but let a preacher preach the Word of God and, according to our Lord, "then cometh the wicked one [the devil]."

Satan's mission is to catch away "that which was sown in his [the hearer's] heart." How does he do it? He has in his hand a cage full of birds. Most of them are hateful-looking birds, but not all. Some, like the bluejay, have brilliant plumage that belies their thieving nature. No sooner is the Word preached and the invitation given than Satan opens his cage and out flies the unholy flock to do their destructive work. While some people hear and receive the Gospel and are saved thereby, others, while pondering its meaning and considering its claims on their lives, are confronted by some evil influence which steals the invitation away.

What are some of the influences Satan uses to destroy the impression made by the Gospel on the heart and conscience of man? One is

1. A Lack of Understanding of the Way of Salvation.

This is what Christ chiefly referred to in the parable, when He said, "When any one heareth . . . and understandeth it not." The seed sown does not sink deep enough, so the birds are able to steal it. Many people fail to understand the way of salvation, or their need of salvation, and because the message does not sink deep into their mind and heart, Satan easily destroys the impression that was made. Consequently, before they reach the door of the church on the way out they have forgotten what they heard.

What can people and preachers do to chase this thieving bird away? Well, the preacher's part it to make the Gospel so utterly plain and clear that the man of even meanest intellect can comprehend its meaning. Paul used

"great plainness of speech" and so should we. Brother preacher, away with your long-tailed words when the souls of awakened hearers are at stake. The preacher's message, also, should be throbbing with the mighty power of God so that deep conviction will send the message home. As for the people, they should earnestly pray with genuine compassion and deepest feeling that the Holy Spirit might enlighten men's minds so that the message cannot be stolen. If the saints feel deeply, sinners will feel deeply. Clear, definite preaching and earnest praying prepare the soil for the reception of the seed.

2. Ungodly Companions are another class of birds doing the Devil's work by stealing the good seed away. I saw a fine young man step out of his seat one night to accept Christ. There was some commotion in the pew before he left it and I learned after that he had been forcibly held in his seat by the young woman with him who had no use for Christ or the Gospel. It is not uncommon in a gospel service to see two companions, one listening, the other laughing, and Satan using the ungodly companion to destroy the impression being made.

3. Distractions in a Church Service are a further ally of the enemy of souls. Jesus said that as soon as the seed was sown, "then cometh the wicked one." How often I have seen it! The sermon is over; the invitation is about to be given; heads are bowed; sinners are solemn under the power of the world to come; the good seed is beginning to take root. Suddenly a hymnbook falls—then cometh the Devil. Perhaps a baby cries—then cometh the Devil. Someone rises to go out, disturbing everyone in the pew—then cometh the Devil. I have more than once seen a dog wander down the aisle at the moment of invitation—then cometh the Devil. A choir member begins rustling a hymnbook getting ready for the last hymn—then cometh the Devil. That is what Christ meant by the birds that steal the good seed away. Satan can use careless believers to do his soul-hindering work.

4. The Unconcern of Christians is sometimes used to destroy the

good seed. After a solemn sermon when unconverted men and women are deeply impressed, if Christians suddenly let loose a babel of talk, not serious conversation but idle talk, laughing and jesting with each other, the concerned sinner looks on, and before such unconcern he loses his concern. (Continued on page 8)

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What Is a Soul Worth?

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was his problem; it was another fellow's wife!

The moral, rotten spot in some fellow's heart makes him ask fool questions. The Sadducees came and said, "Now Moses says that if a man was married and died without having any children, then the wife should marry his brother." And they said, "There were with us seven brothers." (Now I don't know whether they were telling the truth or not or whether they were fixing this up for the question.) They said there were seven brothers. The woman married one, and he died; then she married another, and he died; then she married another, and he died; and they went right on down the line until they had the whole seven dead! Then they said she died. I would think so after all that! I think she would be tired out getting ready for the funerals and the weddings! And so these Sadducees said, "Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?" They didn't believe in the resurrection, but they were ridiculing Jesus. They said, "Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?" Jesus answered, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures . . . for in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

A fellow said to me not long ago, who had been married a few days—I called on him because he was an old friend of mine—"I tell you, Philpott, I married an angel." I said, "Just wait a few days and you will find out. Angels don't get married." And that is what Jesus said here—just women folks, not angels.

Jesus answered them in that way. Well, then the Pharisees asked this question, "By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you authority to teach these things?"

And Jesus said, "I will ask you a question. If you will answer it right, I will answer this. The ministry of John the Baptist, was that from Heaven, or was it of man?"

The Pharisees began to reason. They said, "If we answer that that ministry was from Heaven, then He will say, 'Why don't you do what John the Baptist told you to do? Why don't you obey that teaching?' And if we say that ministry was from man, then people will stone us, for the people have great confidence in John the Baptist and hold him in high regard. We will not answer this."

Then Jesus said, "Neither will I answer you."

Then the Herodians, the politicians, came and said, "We know you are an honest teacher who always tells the truth, and we would like to know whether we should pay or whether you think it is

right to pay tribute to Caesar or not." Any Jew in that day would have spoken up and said, "No," and spit when he said it. They thought that Jesus, being a Jew, would be obliged to say the same. "Should we pay tribute to Caesar?" they asked.

And Jesus said, "Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Does any one here have a penny?" That is suggestive, isn't it? The Man who has done the most good in this world never had any money. Jesus never had money, and whoever blessed the world like Jesus? He said, "Shew me a penny"; so they handed Him one and He held it up to them. "Whose image is that? Whose superscription is that?"

They said, "That is Caesar's." "All right," Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

The Caesars are making a big demand now, calling for the best that we have: our men, our women. And Caesar is getting the best of muscle and backbone and brains that we have. But there is the other side: "Render unto God the things that are God's." I have a feeling that we can hasten a better day for the earth and humanity when we begin to render to God the things that are God's.

I am giving you this example of how He asked and sometimes answered questions by asking them.

A Soul the Greatest Thing God Ever Created

But I have taken this text tonight because I want you to see here that we have the divine estimate of the value of a human soul. And we have here the answer to the question that we sometimes ask, "Why did He love me so? Why did my Saviour to Calvary go?" Because He knows the value of your soul and my soul. That is why He loves you so. He went to Calvary for us to make the salvation of our souls a possibility.

In the first and second chapters of Genesis you have the story of creation. You will observe as you read it that man is the last on that long list of created things and created beings. But he is not last because he is the least important; he is the most important.

Someone has said, "Man is God's masterpiece when it comes to creation," and he is. In that first chapter you just have the purpose of God described, the creative purpose.

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." But in the second chapter, the seventh verse, you have that creative act described. That is the point. He formed man out of the dust of the earth and then He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. You don't read that of any other created being or any other created thing. It is this that distinguishes man from every other created being: man became a living soul.

Think of it for a moment, beloved friends. Had you ever thought of your soul as being greater than the whole world with all of its glamour and all of its glitter? Man is a living soul. Sometimes we say a man has a soul. You have heard that quite commonly said. But the nearest truth is to say man is a soul. Man has a body. He has a house in which he lives.

I was reading something the other day about a great American citizen, John Quincy Adams. One day when he was eighty he took a walk, and a neighbor shouted to him, "How is my good friend, John Quincy Adams?"

The old man stopped, looked at the neighbor and said very slowly, "John Quincy Adams himself is very well indeed, thank you. But the house in which John Quincy Adams is living is sadly delapidated. The walls are beginning to tremble; in fact, every time the wind blows, this house trembles on its foundation. The roof is badly worn, too!" He said, "I think that John Quincy Adams will be moving out in a little while, but John Quincy Adams himself is quite well, thank you."

You see, he distinguished between his body and his soul, between the place he had been living and where he was going to be.

The outward man perisheth, the Scriptures teach, but the inward man is renewed day by day.

Paul, speaking on this same line in the fifth chapter of II Corinthians, spoke of the body as a tent, a dwelling. Some translators have translated it, "If this tent, this dwelling falls down and blows away, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "Some of these days," said Paul, "I shall be absent from the body and at home with my Lord, for I have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Oh, I want you to see, my friends, that there is a distinction between your body and your soul.

The Delusion of Trying to Win the World

Now the supposition of this text is not only superlative; it is absolutely impossible. "If a man should gain the whole world"—that isn't possible. No man could gain the world. I know two or three fellows on the horizon right now who would like to do it, but they are not going to succeed. Alexander the Great conquered the whole known world and sat down and wept because there was no more world to conquer. But there were greater parts of the world Alexander never heard about. What he did conquer he never possessed. Napoleon came pretty near conquering the world, but Napoleon finished up a brokenhearted man and a prisoner on an island surrounded only by sea.

No man can conquer this world until He comes whose right it is to reign. There is One who has a right to reign. You know, from the rivers unto the ends of the earth, the kingdoms of this world belong to our God and to His Christ. Some day He is going to take that scepter and He is going to reign, and righteousness and peace shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Won't that be a wonderful day? Nations will learn war no more. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. No wonder some of us see these things and believe these things and cry out in our hearts, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

Oh, we are the most favored people in all the earth, Canada and America. How favored we are! Our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. I believe the teaching here is true, that the goodness of God should lead us to repentance. We should be honoring God in our lives, serving Him as these hours are going by. His very goodness has been manifested. He is coming. He is coming one glad day! Won't that be a great day when He is manifested? We are not going to bring it about by legislation nor by preaching salvation. That is what we are to keep on doing, but it will come about by a great divine manifestation. That is coming. Oh, that it might be today!

Jesus shall reign where 'ere the sun Doth His successive journeys run. His kingdom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People have been singing that for a hundred years. Sometimes we believe that will really be true, but we try to spiritualize it and make it meaningless. God bless you, with all my soul I know He shall reign, He who was here, who suffered and was crucified—He will reign on this very earth.

Jesus Wanted You to Think About Your Soul and God and Eternity

No man shall gain the world. If he should, what would it profit him is the question, if he gained it and lost his own soul?

Why should Jesus ask the people a question they couldn't answer? I cannot say positively, but I will tell you what I think. I think He asked the question that day for the same reason I am asking it tonight. He didn't seek their opinion, He didn't need it. But He was trying to make them think about God and the soul and eternal things.

That is one of the difficulties today, to get people to think. But bless you, if you start talking about God, and the soul and eternal doom, they will look at you as if you had smallpox or something and get away from you. Why is it men thus turn from God and don't want to hear about eternal things? Dying men, men who are

nearest the end, are sometimes the most obstinate along this line.

I was in a hospital not so long ago with a woman who had a husband that drank very heavily. He was a great mechanic. When the hour came for her passing—I stayed there in the hospital several hours until the very last—she put out her hands. He was on one side of the bed and I was on the other. She got hold of his hands on one side of the bed and mine on the other, and with her last breath she prayed for that man. She prayed and prayed and prayed for the salvation of that man as she died. I was praying, too.

We buried her on Wednesday, and the following Sunday night I was surprised to see this man in the seat his wife used to occupy. I thought that looked good to see Bob down there in that seat. I went on with the meeting and prayed and exhorted and invited, and some came. By and by Bob moved out of his seat, out into the aisle. I thought he was coming to the front, but to my amazement, he turned and started to the back, and he almost ran for the door.

I went back to see him in a day or two. I went to his job

and found a man working at the lathe. I said, "Where's Bob?"

"Upstairs," he said. "I am going up to see him." And this man said, "I don't think I would if I were you, Philpott. He is a terrible sight. He is in an awful condition. I don't think I would go up and see him if I were you."

I said, "I will," and I went up the stairs and found him and I said, "Bob, why did you do that Sunday night? Why did you turn and run out of that meeting? I believe God was trying to answer your wife's prayers. I believe God was talking with you. I believe you were thinking too, about setting it."

He said, "I was thinking and I didn't want to think. I came out of that church and filled myself up with rotten whiskey so I couldn't think. I didn't want to think about God."

He kept on drinking whiskey until he died two or three days later.

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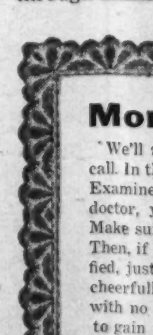
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You remember the story of the prodigal down there by the pig trough. Up to this point he hadn't done any thinking at all. As he sat there so dejected and starving to death, he came to himself. This is the word—he came to himself. He came to himself and said, "What a poor fool I am. Here I am perishing with hunger while in my father's house there is plenty and to spare. I will arise and go home." Sure! When he began to think, he had already started down that road. I wish I could say something that would make somebody think.

What It Means For a Soul to Be Lost

This world is lost. Jesus gave us a twofold meaning of the word *lost*. Man may be lost recoverably. I don't know a better term than that or I would use it. He spoke of the parable of the sheep which

was lost, of the boy lost, and of the piece of money that was lost in a house. These were all recovered. The boy was found. The sheep was found. The money was found. The lost was recovered. And the Bible says we are all lost. The whole human race is lost, and Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which is lost. That is what He is doing.

I know that most people who have been present in the service from night to night here in Wheaton have been Christian people, but I know some have been here who are not Christian people. I know some outside who have been thinking. I believe, friends, this is evidence that the Son of Man, the Saviour, has been in our midst, seeking to save that which is lost.

I want to give you another incident. A wife asked me to pray with a man in the hospital. She was a strange woman, but she said to me, "My husband is dying and he wants you to come to the hospital."

I went into the room and I recognized his face. He was dying. I went over beside him and got down on my knees and took his hand in mine and I said a little bit

about his suffering. He said, "Yes, I am suffering, but that isn't bothering me."

"What is troubling you now?" I said.

"I am dying and I am a lost man."

And you won't understand it but I felt glad and thrilled in my soul. "You realize you are lost? God bless your soul, there is a Saviour right here. Wherever there is a lost man, there is a seeking Saviour. He came to seek and to save that which was lost." And hand in hand we talked about the Word of God and like a little child, he came into that place of rest.

Oh, yes, He is seeking the lost. That is what He is doing even in these war days, seeking the lost, calling, calling, calling! Do you realize that?

But in this text He used that word in another sense. Man may be lost irrecoverably, lost where he cannot be found, lost where there is no one seeking to save, lost where there is no seeking Saviour. Maybe you will seek and shall never find salvation until that day is past. Lost! What a terrible word is that word *lost* in this connection. I wouldn't try to

picture the lost soul. I couldn't do it, but let me say this to you, Jesus once did that. Have you ever thought of that?

I am going to ask you to do something tonight. Read the last part of the sixteenth chapter of Luke, the last half. There you have a picture of a lost soul and his picture painted by a gentle, loving Christ who was seeking to save, seeking to save. Two men died. One was carried into Heaven. The other in Hades lifts up his eyes, being in torment. I won't try to talk about it, but I suggest this to you: if you read it you will see it answers a good many questions that people ask. You will see that this explodes a good many religious theories which are quite popular in this day. It explodes the theory of annihilation. Some folks think as far as a sinner is concerned when he comes to the end, that is the end. No, sir! "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). It explodes the theory of there being a second chance, a purgatory through which you can pass and finally reach Heaven. This fellow wanted a second chance and he asked for it, but he was told it was too late. He

was told that in his lifetime he had a chance, but it was past and gone, gone forever.

Sometimes people say to me, "Philpott, you get so excited when you think of this." Oh, when I see how stupid man seems to be in spite of the plain Word of God, it makes me almost frantic. Think of those words of the rich man. He could remember what had happened. He asked for any kind of Saviour. He said, "Lazarus will do."

Another theory was exploded. He was told that Lazarus couldn't come from Heaven to the infernal regions. Some people today try to tell us that loved ones come back sometimes and preach the gospel to us. What a delusion! Jesus said, "No, there is a great gulf fixed between so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." That was it, beloved friends.

Then he said, "I have five brothers who are still living; send someone from the dead to them. Send that resurrected preacher to them."

His answer was what? "They have Moses and the prophets; let (Continued on page 8)

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Chasing Birds

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It may seem incredible to some of us, but more than once when I have been kneeling at the altar with a seeking sinner I have had to rise to my feet and beg Christians standing around to stop their loud talking, for I could not make myself heard above the din.

But there is one destructive bird Satan has used more than any other to destroy the appeal of the Gospel. It is the destructive bird of

5. Procrastination.

Here is a man who hears a gospel sermon, understands it, feels its power and appeal, yet when the preacher urges an immediate and instant decision, he delays action, he postpones taking the step, and the Devil uses this indecision and procrastination to steal the good seed away.

Dear friend unsaved reading this message—how is it with you? In every life, for every start, for every good and wise decision, God says "today" but Satan whispers "tomorrow." Is it conversion? "Today," says God; "tomorrow," whispers Satan. Is it turning from that sin? Is it breaking with that evil friendship? Is it taking that open stand for Christ? God urges

News Notes

Fred Garland Edits Paper

Dr. Fred Garland of Roanoke, Virginia, began in September the monthly publication of "The Voice of Faith."

This monthly magazine will carry messages in each issue by Dr. Garland, along with other outstanding soul winners.

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"today," Satan urges "tomorrow." Tomorrow, tomorrow, always tomorrow, until by tomorrow's road you are at the place of never, and the chance has gone and the hope is lost. I tell you, it will never be easier for you to come to Christ than it is now. God says "today," God says "now," and the God who says so will, if you come, receive you, cleanse you, put His blessed Spirit within you, and make you a new man or woman, for "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

What Is a Soul Worth?

(Continued from page 7)

them hear them."

Then this rich man in Hell said, "Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent."

And Jesus answered, "If they

hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Beloved, that is the picture painted by Christ of a lost soul. This is the time for accepting Him. If you let this pass, then it is past forever.

It Is Your Own Doing if Your Soul Be Lost Forever!

Just another word. If you lose your soul, it is your own losing. If you lose your property, you may blame somebody else. If you lose your reputation you may blame somebody else. But if you lose your soul, it is your own losing. It is your own losing. You are custodian of your own soul. You can say, "By God's grace, I will trust Him and serve Him," and no power in Hell or on earth can keep you out of the kingdom. You can settle that great question, or you can refuse to see it. You can laugh it off; you can laugh at the invitation; you can refuse to see it. You can laugh it off; you can laugh at the invitation; you can trample the blood of Christ beneath your feet, as many are doing. You can do it, beloved friends. I want you to see that you lose your own soul. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" You have to settle it.

A young fellow said to me in Denver a couple of years ago, "We don't take any stock in those things. We demand a right to determine our own future." God bless you; every fellow is doing that. You even determine your eternal destiny. Sure you do. Jesus is standing at our heart's door knocking.

I will tell you this story and then I am done. Over a hundred years ago in this country—to be exact, one hundred and thirteen years ago—back in Pennsylvania there was a man convicted of murder in a train robbery and he was sentenced to die. After some little time the President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, granted George Wilson in Pennsylvania a pardon. He refused to accept it. "No, I will not accept it," he said. He argued and said he wasn't pardoned until he accepted it. They had never heard anything like that before. The State Attorney reported back that the law was silent on this point. Then they carried the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and here was the deliberation of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States, "A pardon is just a piece of paper unless it is accepted by the person which is implicated. If he refuses the pardon, then it is not a pardon. George Wilson must hang." And he was hanged.

Even the United States couldn't make a prisoner in Pennsylvania take a pardon if he didn't want it. God Himself cannot force His pardon of mercy or salvation upon you. He has conferred on man wonderful powers. But you can turn your face up to God and refuse to accept His offer, like many have before. That is not His will. It is not His will that anyone should perish but that all men should be saved, said Paul, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

I was thinking before I came to the meeting that if Gabriel were here tonight and preached from this platform, he could not give any greater proof of God's love than that. He would point you to the cross. God gave His Son to die and is willing to save you. He not only gave Himself for you, but He wants to give Himself to you. Will you take Him?

A Word From the Editor to Unsaved Readers

Dear sinner, if you have never been converted, if you are unsaved, you have read this fervent, Spirit-filled sermon by Dr. Philpott. Then answer the question, "How much is your soul worth?" What would it profit if you could gain the whole world and yet lose your soul forever? Oh, there is only one thing for a sensible person to do, and that is to turn to Christ today and let Him save your soul forever!

Will you, in simple faith, take Him as your Saviour this moment? Trust Him, give Him your heart, turn yourself over to Him right now, and the moment you

receive Him, accept Him, trust Him the best you know how in your heart, that moment He will come in and save your poor soul! If you will do that right now, tell Christ so in your heart. Then please sign this decision form solemnly and sincerely, and either mail it to me, or copy it on a letter or card, or write in your own words that you have found Christ, have this very day trusted Him and given Him your heart. I will write to you some good counsel as to how to live for Christ.

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have just read Dr. Philpott's blessed sermon, "What Is a Soul Worth?" I have honestly come to see that I am lost and need salvation. I believe that Christ died for me and wants to save me. So right now I take Christ as my own personal Saviour, and give Him my heart. I risk Him, depend upon Him to save my soul just now, as He promised to do. I mean this as my confession of Christ as my Saviour, and by His grace I will claim Him openly and will try to live for Him daily.

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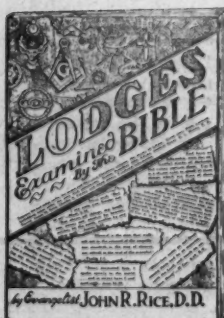
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Can we acquire common sense? I doubt it. We can develop what we have, and we can get wisdom from God. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge so as to meet successfully the emergencies of life. If any man lacks wisdom, if he will ask God for it, God will give it to him. But God does not give wisdom to the idiot. God gives wisdom to people who have some sense to start with. The world is filled with wrecks and failures because people do not have common sense enough even to get advice from someone who does have common sense.—Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

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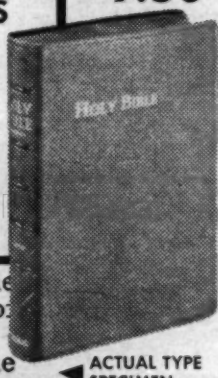
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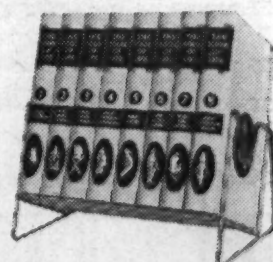
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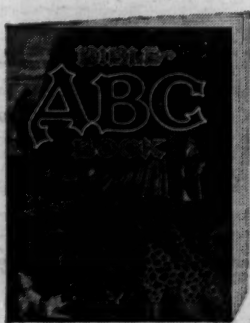
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aloud and spare not . . . and show my people their transgressions" (Isa. 58:1).

And so I want to discuss what the Bible says about

this great and searing text, "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

The Hitlers, the Stalins, All Have Natural Sinful Hearts Like the Rest of Us

As I thought on this matter

there came to my mind some of the most sinful examples. I thought of the bloody conquerors of the years. I thought of Napoleon who bathed Europe in blood. Oh, the millions of people who died because of the insane ambition of that man who conquered Europe and changed the map of

the world. I thought of Kaiser Wilhelm, and that matter comes closer to my heart because in the First World War I was called to the colors, and took infantry training and left home and education, and postponed marriage. I was conscious of the terrible tragedy of the war. I am thinking about Hitler and those places where certain races were taken and people were burned and millions of people killed wantonly. There was starvation, and murder, and oppression, and every kind of wickedness. I am thinking of Mussolini in Ethiopia and of a bombing plane sent close to the ground to kill masses of colored people who had nothing but spears. And Mussolini's son said when he was received so happily in America, "It was great fun to drop the bomb in the midst of a great milling throng and see the bomb explode." And he said, "The blood and broken bodies were like the opening of a great red rose."

I am saying, surely God will call to account the conquerors who have made the earth red with blood of men and have made people's hearts cry out with agony over persecution, trouble, and want.

But the Bible says there is no difference, for all have sinned. What was wrong with Hitler? He had a bad heart. So have you and I. What was wrong with all the bloody masters? They had opportunity which you may not have had. But all have sinned, all alike. There is no difference.

I thought of great criminals. The newspapers tell of a man who murdered his wife, or about the kidnapping and murder of a mad dog-like man who went across the continent stopping here and there to hold up somebody, then killing, sometimes for a few pennies, sometimes for pleasure in the killing. I say, God will call such sin to judgment. But the Bible says there is no difference, for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

I Have Seen God Save Murderer, Dope Seller, Drunkard, Harlot

I am a plain preacher and since by God's mercy He has given me some of the hearts of the skid-row bums and the people in the jails, and down-and-outs, I dare not do other than preach plainly. So I come in contact with many a poor sinner. I know the murderer who stepped to the bars of the cell and confessed the murder. I know the man who heard me on the radio, then after he had gone a thousand miles wrote a pitiful card begging me to pray for him, and confessed how he killed a policeman because the policeman slapped him. I think of the panderer in Seattle who told me, after a year of agony of soul, about the girls he led into sin and sold in white slavery. He asked, "What will I do? Some of them are dead and in Hell and there is nothing I can do to make restitution now." I am thinking about a man who was converted in a meeting in Texas who came to me with a friend and said, "I heard you last night. I couldn't go in there among the nice people, so I sat way back to myself. Others would not want to sit near me. I am a dope peddler. I am a bootlegger. I have been arrested for almost every crime in the world." And he said, "My buddy here, his father has spent \$25,000 (he was a leader in the city, postmaster, in fact), trying to cure him of the dope habit. My mother's hair is as white as snow. She wept out her eyes over me, her prodigal boy. Do you mean that Jesus Christ could save a poor sinner like me?" "Yes, thank God," I said. I had the joy, after about a day, of seeing that man turn to Christ and seeing him set out to live for God. God gave him victory. But I am saying, the worst criminals, men who are drunkards, men who have broken the laws of society, and who have brought misery and broken homes, yes, God can save. But there is no difference, the Bible says, in God's sight. "There is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin."

All the Jews are sinners; all the Gentiles are sinners. All alike.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Not one is good. Not one doeth good, the Scripture says. And so there continues that terrible outline of the wicked sins of the heart, sins of the mouth. Then the Scripture says:

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

What God wants with all this Scripture, and the Ten Commandments, and all the other commands of the Bible, is for you to shut your big mouth. God wants you to say, "I am a poor, guilty sinner. I have no excuse. I have no

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Searching the Scriptures

Colossians 1

God Gave Us Everything When He Gave Us Jesus

Clues Across

- 1 "the afflictions of Christ in my flesh . . . his body's sake"
- 3 "even . . . forgiveness of sins"
- 5, 28 "For the . . . which is . . . up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before"
- 9 initials of a brother and father of Gershon (Exod. 6:16)
- 10 tree from which idolators made their idols (Isa. 44:14)
- 12 "which is given to . . . for you, to fulfill the word of God"
- 14 "and teaching every . . . in all wisdom"
- 15 "For I am persuaded, that . . . death, nor life . . . shall . . . separate us" Rom. 8
- 18 an animal King Solomon imported (I Kings 10:22)
- 20 initials of three barren women of the Bible to whom God gave children (Luke 1:13; Gen. 18:14; Gen. 25:21)
- 21 an affirmative vote; yes
- 22 "and all our righteousnesses are as filthy . . ." Isa. 64
- 24 "the love . . . ye have to all the saints"
- 26 "Who . . . the image of the invisible God"
- 28 see 5 across
- 31 initials of the two spies sent into Canaan who believed God (Num. 13:8, 6)
- 33 "without shedding of blood is . . . remission" Heb. 9
- 35 "He made known his ways unto Moses, his . . . unto the children" Ps. 103
- 37 the son of Shema (I Chron. 2:44)
- 39 "and fill . . . that which is behind"
- 40 "all things were created by him, and . . . him"
- 41 "Which is come unto . . . , as it is in all the world"
- 42 famous volcano on Sicily
- 43 "ye also learned of Epaphras . . . dear fellow-servant"
- 44 "Christ . . . you, the hope of glory"
- 45 the father of Abner (I Sam. 14:51)
- 47 "yes" in Spanish
- 48 one of the men to whom Agur spoke in Proverbs 30:1
- 50 to draw forth
- 52 initials of two mountains (Ps. 89:12)
- 53 name of a plain where Sanballat wanted Nehemiah to meet him (Neh. 6:2)
- 55 " . . . it doth also in you, since the day ye heard it"
- 56 "whether they be things in

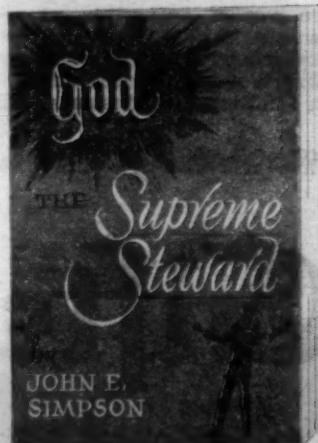
- earth, or things in . . ."
- 57 "the love which ye have to all the . . ."
- 58 initials of first two kings of Israel (I Sam. 15:1; 16:13)
- 59 belonging to father of Elmodam (Luke 3:28)

Clues Down

- 1 "now hath he reconciled in the body of his . . ."
- 2 a rodent
- 3 "whether . . . be thrones or dominions"
- 4 a printer's measure
- 6 a name for Christ (Rev. 1:8)
- 7 affectionate term for father
- 8 "having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the . . ." John 13
- 9 "and . . . the grace of God in truth"
- 11 Persian ruler
- 13 "Because he hath inclined his . . . unto me" Ps. 116
- 16 a son of Bela, a mighty man of valour (I Chron. 7:7)
- 17 a man who remained faithful to David when Adonijah rebelled (I Kings 1:8)
- 19 a friend
- 23 "there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount . . . an angel" Acts 7
- 25 "the scribes sought how they might take him by . . ."
- 27 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, . . . walk ye in him" Col. 2
- 29 "Whether they be thrones, or . . . , or principalities"
- 30 "For I am in a . . . betwixt two" Phil. 1
- 32 "every one that is left in thine house shall come and . . . to him for a piece of silver" I Sam. 2 (past tense)
- 34 "it pleased the Father that in him should all . . . dwell"
- 36 "he is before all things, and by him all things . . ."
- 38 a subtle, invisible atmosphere
- 41 "Even the . . . shall faint and be weary" Isa. 40
- 42 a man of the tribe of Simeon who went into the promised land (Num. 26:16)
- 46 Hebrew word for God (Cf. Gen. 35:7 and Gen. 28:19)
- 49 "the . . . which ye have to all the saints"
- 51 "I . . . do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil. 4
- 54 same as 45 across

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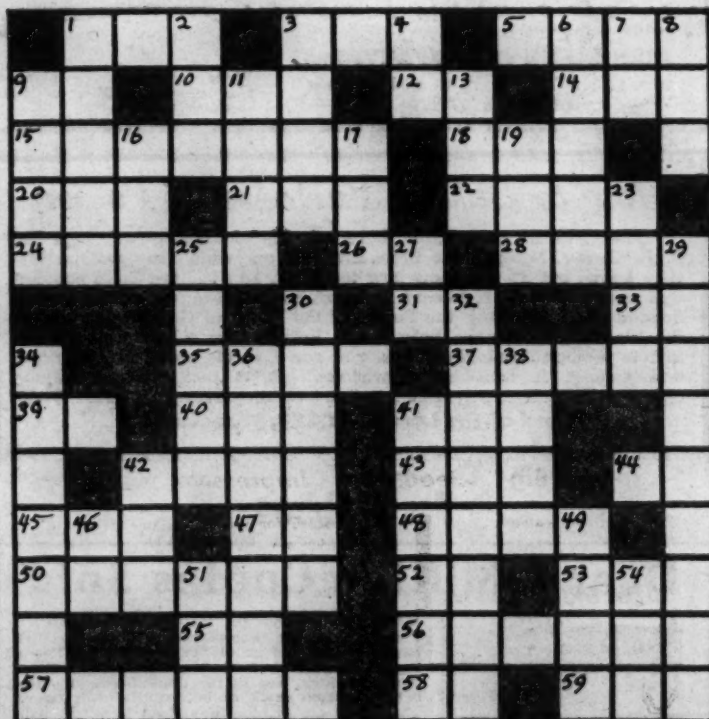
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What Is Wrong...?

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alibi. God, be merciful." He wants you to stand up to the bar of God and not argue about it but say, "I plead guilty." God doesn't want you coming and offering yourself, thinking how good you are and how much you can do for God. He wants you pleading as a poor, condemned criminal, begging for pardon and mercy. We are poor sinners.

And that is what the rest of the Bible says, too. Over in II Chronicles 6:36 Solomon prayed in the temple and said, "If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not...)" Isn't that wise? Isn't that true? "There is no man that sinneth not."

In Matthew, chapter 19, a rich

young ruler came to Jesus and said, "Good Master [the word is rabbi or teacher], what good thing shall I do [I am strong on doing good things. Now what good thing can I do], that I may have eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "Why callest thou me good? If you are going to call me good, call me more than rabbi, more than teacher." Listen to it now. "And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." Jesus is not saying He is not good, but He is saying He is God. Not just a teacher, not just a rabbi. There is none good but God and Jesus is God, but you and I are not.

Again in I John 1:8 we read, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." I am a Christian but not because I have never sinned. I am a child of God going to Heaven but I am not going to Heaven because I have never failed. I am going to Heaven by the mercy of God. I am a poor sinner.

All Human Righteousness Is Superficial, Partial, Inadequate

You say, "But I do the best I know." Well, the best you know is not good enough. But you don't do the best you know. You know sometimes a man observes the law and doesn't kill anybody and doesn't get put in jail but in his wicked heart he may have had a hate that burned as hot as that of many a man who pulled the trigger of the gun. And I John 3:15 says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." And you may not have committed adultery outwardly but "whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). And covetousness in the heart is where real sin is, not simply when you take what isn't yours. Oh, you may cure some of the out-breaking of sin but you can't cure sin in the heart. Only Jesus can do that. We are sinners. There is no difference.

No difference, how? Well, you say, "I am righteous." But your righteousness doesn't go deep enough. Your righteousness doesn't get down to a new heart. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." You put a fellow down yonder by a coal pile and he doesn't look black, but you put him up by a white-washed fence and he looks awfully black. You put him out by the falling white snow and you find him pretty black. When you put yourself up by the righteousness of God you find yourself a poor, terrible sinner. You are, in God's sight.

No wonder the Bible says, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6).

But Christ's Righteousness Is Freely Counted for the Trusting Sinner

What are you going to do? There is a cure for incurable sin. I thank God there is a way to purity for people who cannot be pure, except by the miracle of God's grace. Listen to the verse as I come back to the text again. Romans 3:22, 23, and 24, "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Let's go back and read it again. Romans 3 and this time verse 22: "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." You mean justified? What is that? That means God makes you just when you are not just. That means that God puts righteousness in your heart where you are not righteous. That means that Jesus Christ paid a debt for you that you couldn't pay.

I was in a town this last week, and the good committee put me up in a hotel and said, "Eat your meals there in the dining room and just sign the ticket." What? You mean I didn't have to pay for it? No. No. Thank God, the committee had the credit there. They just signed it up. I ate the meals and they paid for it.

Will you today say, "I'm going to let Jesus Christ pay my debt and give me redemption free?"

Oh, Jesus died to save sinners and nothing but the blood of Jesus can make your heart white. I hope you will open your heart and let Him come in today.

Do you want to be pure? Paul said, "My prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of Christ" (Rom. 10:1, 2). You know what you need? The righteousness of Jesus Christ offered freely. Sin is black. I hate it. It has broken the heart of God. It has nailed Jesus to a cross. It has damned millions of souls. It has broken so many homes. It has made so many sad gravesides. But Jesus is the remedy for sin. Will you put your trust in Jesus and take Him?

This is John R. Rice begging you to trust Christ and be saved. And I want you to write to me and tell me you pray for me and for the broadcast. Will you write and say if you will take Christ as Saviour today? Depend upon Him and claim Him. I would be so glad to have your letter. And now as they sing *Open Your Heart's Door*, let Jesus come in.

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read your radio sermon, "What Is Wrong With Everybody?" I believe what the Bible says, that everybody in the world is sinful and needs forgiveness. I admit that I am a poor, lost sinner who needs saving. I believe that Jesus died to save me and is willing to forgive me as the Bible says. So here and now I turn to Jesus Christ. I trust Him to forgive my sins and save my soul. This moment I surrender to Christ and trust Him as my own personal Saviour. I will set out to live for Him, and I mail this as my open confession of Christ as my Saviour.

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It is the Lord's work and not mine. In these days of unbelief, worldliness and sin, thousands need the plain preaching and Bible teaching in these books. I ask you to earnestly pray, then see what you can do now, or month by

Jungle Doctor . . .

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with sores, there will be flies in his eyes, his stomach will protrude because he will be fed on porridge."

"Yah, hoh," I said, "and what of your child?"

"Kah, Bwana," she said, "I will feed him in the ways I have learned. I will bathe him every day. I will clothe him in the little garments I have knitted myself. He shall be kept from the *dudus*, the insects."

"And in three months, Perisi?"

"Bwana, he shall be double his birth-weight." She pushed aside the blankets, and got to her feet. "Bwana, I must start on this great job that God has given me, at once."

I saw her walk over to the cot where the child was. Sechelela tapped my arm.

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"Bwana," she said, "I did wrong to have anger."

"Yet," I replied, "do not forget, Sech, that God forgives. Behold, He teaches us lessons in this way. Do not question the love of God, rather seek for the purpose He has behind what He does or He allows to happen."

"Kah," said the old woman, "behold, Bwana, in seeing that child an old scar was opened in my heart. Did not my first child die, and was not my heart drowned in sorrow? Bwana, it was because of this that I came when I was still a girl to be with those who started the work of C. M. S. Thus it was that I heard of God and learned to follow Him."

"Sech," I said, "cannot you therefore see God's plan? Does not Jesus say that He is the Good Shepherd? And in your own life did He not take your first child for His purpose? Behold, very often does not the Shepherd first take the lambs in His arms so that the mother herself will fol-

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low safely to the *ibolulu*—the fold?"

The old woman nodded slowly. "Kah, Bwana, I see it now. Behold, Bwana, another scar is healed. *Heh*, very true are the words: 'God is love.'"

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